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Mr. Nicholas A. DiPasquale, Chair
Management Board
Chesapeake Bay Program
410 Severn Avenue
Annapolis, Maryland 21403-2567

Dear Nick:

Thank you for your letter dated May 20, 2013, on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Program's Management Board, requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issue an errata document to address inconsistencies related to the 2017 interim goal between the December 29, 2010 Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) document itself and the TMDL Executive Summary and other related communications materials.

Although the Executive Summary mistakenly phrases the 2017 goal as 60 percent of the actions completed, EPA has been consistent over the past several years in stating the 2017 goal as having the practices in place to achieve 60 percent of the necessary pollutant reductions. We have used this phrasing in the November 4, 2009 letter from EPA's Acting Regional Administrator William Early (p. 21), in the August 13, 2010 sediment planning target letter, in the Bay TMDL itself (e.g., pages 7-2 and 8-3), and in the August 1, 2011 revised planning target letter for the Phase II Watershed Implementation Plans.

EPA Region III will begin a review of certain Bay TMDL communications documents (e.g., fact sheets, etc.) and make any necessary changes to those documents regarding the 2017 goal. With respect to the Bay TMDL itself, as you know, EPA has decided to correct certain minor errata when it amends the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and will include this Executive Summary edit at that time. In the meantime, EPA expects the Bay jurisdictions to have controls and practices in place by 2017 that would achieve 60 percent of the overall nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment reductions assigned to that jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jon M. Capacasa", is written over a large, stylized blue circular mark.

Jon M. Capacasa, Director
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cc: Management Board Members



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